

1 but ought not to be written into the Constitution as
2 badly, and I use that word very, very carefully, as badly
3 as Section 5-B is written.

4 Let me start at the very beginning.

5 Even in capital cases bail is permitted and
6 I assure Delegate Bennett, that writs of habeas corpus
7 for this purpose are not restrictive where a defendant is
8 concerned, because this is almost routine, certainly in
9 Baltimore City, and there are many instances involving
10 capital cases where a wife in defending herself may have
11 killed someone and the courts will release, even on
12 their own recognizance.

13 Now, we have a statute; it is an excellent sta-
14 tute. I commend what the legislature has done and I
15 would urge Delegate James to continue the work of the
16 legislature in this field rather than to draft a bad
17 Constitutional section.

18 In Baltimore City, we are now engaged in a wonder-
19 ful project of releasing people who are accused of crime
20 simply on the study that is made by competent social
21 workers, people trained to make an examination into